

S. 2264. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend for 2 years the tax-free distributions from individual retirement plans for charitable purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3794. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oriental Fruit Fly; Addition and Removal of Quarantined Areas in California" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0151) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3795. A communication from the Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Fresh Market Sweet Corn Crop Insurance Provisions" (RIN0563-AC02) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3796. A communication from the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Department's intent to fund Foreign Comparative Testing projects during fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3797. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's intent to impose new foreign policy-based export controls on certain persons in Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3798. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations; Terrorism Sanctions Regulations; Foreign Terrorist Organizations Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Parts 594, 595, and 597) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3799. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to credit availability for small businesses; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3800. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's view on the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3801. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Member Inspection of Credit Union Books, Records, and Minutes" (RIN3133-AD33) received on October 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3802. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Share Insurance Appeals; Clarification of Enforcement Authority of NCUA Board" (12 CFR Parts 745 and 747) received on October 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3803. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Amending the Sudanese Sanctions Regulations to Implement Executive Order 13412" (31 CFR Part 538) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3804. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 57245) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3805. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 57241) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3806. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving the export of thirty Boeing 737-900ER passenger aircraft to Indonesia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3807. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 58020) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3808. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a biennial report relative to the use of federal assistance provided to the states and Interstate Marine Fisheries Commissions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3809. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators" (RIN3041-AC42) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3810. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Commercial Equipment: Distribution Transformers Energy Conservation Standards" (RIN1904-AB08) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3811. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "The Potential Benefits of Distributed Generation and the Rate-Related Issues that May Impede its Expansion"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3812. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Pension Plan, etc., Cost-of-Living Adjustments for 2008" (Notice 2007-87) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3813. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, an interim feasibility report and environmental impact

statement relative to several levee projects; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3814. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption; Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000; Consular Office Procedures in Convention Cases" (RIN1400-AC40) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3815. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an erratum notice relative to a report on the employment of an adequate number of Americans during 2006 by the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3816. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government of Cuba's compliance with several agreements made between it and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3817. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-213-2007-220); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3818. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Default Investment Alternatives under Participant Directed Individual Account Plans" (RIN1210-AB10) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3819. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management Costs, Interim Final Rule" ((RIN1660-AA21)(FEMA-2006-0035)) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3820. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-133, "Bank Charter Modernization Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3821. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-132, "Child's Right to Nurse Human Rights Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3822. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-131, "Homestead Housing Preservation Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3823. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-164, "District of Columbia Free Clinic Captive Insurance Company Establishment Temporary Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3824. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-165, "Energy Efficiency Standards Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007;

to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3825. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-163, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 452, S.O. 06-1034 Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3826. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-162, "Quality Teacher Incentive Clarification Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3827. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-134, "Closing of a Portion of 8th Street, S.E., and the Public Alley in Squares 5956 and W-5956, S.O. 05-4555, Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3828. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, received on October 25, 2007; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-3829. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Attorney General, received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3830. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2008 to 2013; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3831. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Chief Financial Officer, received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3832. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and designation of an acting officer for the position of Commissioner of Labor Statistics, received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2271. An original bill to authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-213).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Daniel D. Heath, of New Hampshire, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

*Sean R. Mulvaney, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

*Patrick Francis Kennedy, of Illinois, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management).

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2267. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for eldercare expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2268. A bill to require issuers of long term care insurance to establish third party review processes for disputed claims; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2269. A bill to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 2270. A bill to include health centers in the list of entities eligible for mortgage insurance under the National Housing Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 2271. An original bill to authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2272. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John "Marty" Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2273. A bill to enhance the functioning and integration of formerly homeless veterans who reside in permanent housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2274. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to prevent the abuse of dextromethorphan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2275. A bill to prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution in commerce of certain

children's products and child care articles that contain phthalates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2276. A bill to enhance United States competitiveness in aeronautics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2277. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation on the issuance of qualified veterans' mortgage bonds for Alaska, Oregon, and Wisconsin and to modify the definition of qualified veteran; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2278. A bill to improve the prevention, detection, and treatment of community and healthcare-associated infections (CHAI), with a focus on antibiotic-resistant bacteria; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2279. A bill to combat international violence against women and girls; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Res. 361. A resolution to permit the collection of donations in Senate buildings to be sent to United States military personnel on active duty overseas participating in or in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and the war on terrorism; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. Res. 362. A resolution recognizing 2007 as the year of the 100th Anniversary of the American Society of Agronomy; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, supra.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse